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Jakob J. Petuchowki Papers**

Manuscript Collection No. 653



Collection Summary

Title	Jakob J. Petuchowski Papers
Dates	1942-1986
Collection Number	MS-653
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Petuchowski, Jakob Josef, 1925-1991
Extent	2 linear feet (5 Hollinger boxes)
Language of the Material	English, German, and Hebrew

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch	<p>Jakob Josef Petuchowski was born on July 30, 1925 in Berlin, Germany. He was brought from Germany to London in a children's transport prior to the outbreak of World War II. After receiving a B.A. with honors in psychology from the University of London in 1947, Petuchowski moved to the United States in 1948 and earned his rabbinic ordination, masters and Ph.D. from Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio.</p> <p>Petuchowski served in the congregational rabbinate in Welch, West Virginia, and Washington, Pennsylvania. He was also the High Holiday rabbi of Temple B'nai Israel, Laredo, Texas from 1956 through 1991.</p> <p>As a Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion faculty member, Jakob Petuchowski held many different titles. Hired as a professor of rabbinics in 1956, he became the first Director of Jewish Studies at HUC-JIR's Jerusalem campus. Petuchowski then became a professor of Theology and Liturgy, a title he held until 1981. Finally, he was the professor of Judeo-Christian studies.</p> <p>Petuchowski published and edited over 36 books and numerous articles on theology and poetry including: <i>Ever Since Sinai</i> (1961), <i>Prayerbook Reform in Europe</i> (1968), <i>Understanding Jewish Prayer</i> (1972), <i>Theology and Poetry</i> (1978), <i>Es lehrten unsere Meister</i> (1979) and <i>When Jews and Christians Meet</i> (1986).</p> <p>Petuchowski married Dr. Elizabeth Mayer in 1946 in London. They had three children: Samuel Judah, Aaron Mark (who also became a rabbi) and Jonathan Mayer.</p> <p>Jakob J. Petuchowski died in 1991.</p>
Scope and Content	Collection consists of articles, correspondence, nearprint, sermons and manuscripts relating to Petuchowski's theological interests. This collection also contains material relating to Petuchowski's career as a faculty member at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.
Arrangement	Arranged into four (4) series: A. Correspondence; B. Writings; C. Nearprint; D. Audiovisual Recordings.
Terms of Access	The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.
Preferred Citation	Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Jakob J. Petuchowski Papers and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows: [Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-653. Jakob J. Petuchowski Papers. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.
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Index Terms

Subjects	Theologians
Personal Names	Petuchowski, Jakob Josef, 1925-
Corporate Names	Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

Series A. Correspondence, 1955-1982

Extent 1 linear foot (2.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Each correspondent having more than five items has been placed in a separate folder. Much of the correspondence relates to Petuchowski's publishing career and his research on Jewish prayerbooks. Correspondence is in both English and Hebrew.

Arrangement The series is arranged alphabetically by name.

Box and Folder Listing

- Box 1. Folder 1. A-F, General.
- Box 1. Folder 2. Agus, Jacob B.
- Box 1. Folder 3. Altman, Alexander.
- Box 1. Folder 4. Baeck, Leo.
- Box 1. Folder 5. Baerwald, Leo.
- Box 1. Folder 6. Bardin, Shlomo.
- Box 1. Folder 7. Berlin, Donald O.
- Box 1. Folder 8. Blank, Sheldon H.
- Box 1. Folder 9. Braude, William G.
- Box 1. Folder 10. Brichto, Herbert C.
- Box 1. Folder 11. Burrows, D. Pete.
- Box 1. Folder 12. Cambridge University Press.
- Box 1. Folder 13. Central Conference of American Rabbis.
- Box 1. Folder 14. Cohen, Gerson D.
- Box 1. Folder 15. Cohon, Samuel S. and A. Irma.
- Box 1. Folder 16. Daube, David.
- Box 1. Folder 17. Eckert, W.P.
- Box 1. Folder 18. Ehrlich, Kenneth E.
- Box 1. Folder 19. Frankel, Max.
- Box 1. Folder 20. Freehof, Solomon B.
- Box 1. Folder 21. Friedland, Eric.
- Box 1. Folder 22. Fromm, Eric.
- Box 1. Folder 23. G-J, General.
- Box 1. Folder 24. Glueck, Nelson.
- Box 1. Folder 25. Gottschalk, Alfred.
- Box 1. Folder 26. Gradison, Bill.
- Box 1. Folder 27. Guttmann, Alexander.
- Box 1. Folder 28. Hain, Kenneth.
- Box 1. Folder 29. Herder-Dorneich, T.

Box 1. Folder 30. Herscher, Uri.

Box 1. Folder 31. Heschel, Abraham J.

Box 1. Folder 32. Hurwitz, Henry.

Box 1. Folder 33. Jacobs, Louis.

Box 1. Folder 34. Jakobovitz, Immanuel.

Box 2. Folder 1. K-M, General.

Box 2. Folder 2. Klein, Joseph.

Box 2. Folder 3. Kung, Hans.

Box 2. Folder 4. Leuner, H.D.

Box 2. Folder 5. Levey, Samson.

Box 2. Folder 6. Levinson, Stephen.

Box 2. Folder 7. Marcus, Jacob Rader.

Box 2. Folder 8. Maurer, Tom B.

Box 2. Folder 9. McCoy, Lowell G.

Box 2. Folder 10. Merkel, Gottfried G.

Box 2. Folder 11. Mihaly, Eugene.

Box 2. Folder 12. Montefiore, Leonard G.

Box 2. Folder 13. N-R, General.

Box 2. Folder 14. Neusner, Jacob.

Box 2. Folder 15. Oesterreicher, John M.

Box 2. Folder 16. Plaut, W. Gunther.

Box 2. Folder 17. Rackman, Emmanuel.

Box 2. Folder 18. Rayner, John D.

Box 2. Folder 19. Regner, Sidney L.

Box 2. Folder 20. Rosenthal, Erwin.

Box 2. Folder 21. S-V, General.

Box 2. Folder 22. Schaalman, Herman E.

Box 2. Folder 23. Schneerson, Menachem M.

Box 2. Folder 24. Solins, Samuel.

Box 2. Folder 25. Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Box 2. Folder 26. Van der Zyl, W.

Box 3. Folder 1. W-Z, General.

Box 3. Folder 2. Wagner, Richard.

Box 3. Folder 3. Walter, Rudolf.

Box 3. Folder 4. Werner, Eric.

Box 3. Folder 5. Wiesel, Elie.

Box 3. Folder 6. Wilhelm, Kurt.

Box 3. Folder 7. Unidentified correspondence.

Series B. Writings, 1942-1986

Extent 0.6 linear feet (1.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of sermons and publications. Some manuscripts are in German. Correspondence relating to the publications may also be included in the series.

Arrangement The series is arranged alphabetically by title.

Box and Folder Listing

- Box 3. Folder 8. Addresses, meditations, sermons, 1967-1979
- Box 3. Folder 9. Beten in Judentum [German], undated
- Box 3. Folder 10. Bibliographies, 1942-1981
- Box 3. Folder 11. Das Buch im Volk des Buches [German], 1982
- Box 3. Folder 12. Die Stimme von Sinai [German], 1981
- Box 3. Folder 13. Es Lehrten Unsere Meister [German], 1979
- Box 3. Folder 14. Es Lehrten Unsere Meister - Part II [German], 1980
- Box 3. Folder 15. John F. Kennedy Memorial, 1963
- Box 4. Folder 1. Manuscripts, 1965-1978
- Box 4. Folder 2. Our Masters Taught, 1981
- Box 4. Folder 3. The Lord's Prayer and Jewish Liturgy, 1978
- Box 4. Folder 4. The Lord's Prayer and Jewish Liturgy - Part II, 1978
- Box 4. Folder 5. Theology and Poetry, 1975
- Box 4. Folder 6. When Jews and Christians Meet, 1986
- Box 4. Folder 7. When Jews and Christians Meet - Part II, 1986
- Box 5. Folder 1. Wie unsere Meister di Schrift Erklären [German], 1982

Series C. Nearprint, 1951-1979

Extent 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Includes several honorary degrees and articles/clippings relating to various subjects such as education or tours. The series also contains material from two congregations: Temple Emanuel of Welch, W. Va. and Temple Beth Israel of Washington, D.C.

Arrangement The series is arranged alphabetically by topic.

Box and Folder Listing

- Box 5. Folder 2. Brown University honorary doctorate, 1979
- Box 5. Folder 3. Curriculum vitae, undated
- Box 5. Folder 4. Education, 1942-1955
- Box 5. Folder 5. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, 1956-1977
- Box 5. Folder 6. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion Jerusalem campus, 1963-1964

Box 5. Folder 7. Honors, 1977

Box 5. Folder 8. Laredo, Texas, 1956-1964

Box 5. Folder 9. Learned societies, undated

Box 5. Folder 10. Lectures, tours, 1978, undated

Box 5. Folder 11. Maimonides College honorary degree, 1959

Box 5. Folder 12. Personal material, undated

Box 5. Folder 13. Travel records, undated

Box 5. Folder 14. University of Cologne Honorary doctorate, 1978

Box 5. Folder 15. Temple Beth Israel (Washington, D.C.), 1955

Box 5. Folder 16. Temple Emanuel (Welch, W.Va.), 1951-1954

Series D. Audiovisual Recordings, 1961-1980

Scope and Content Note Lectures are identified by title (if available) and information about the event. Many of the events occurred at HUC-JIR, Cincinnati. These recordings were donated individually by either Jakob Petuchowski or the College-Institute between 1962-1990.

Arrangement The recordings are arranged chronologically.

Box and Folder Listing

Item TR-105 to TR-105a. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion Incoming student welcome, 1961 September

Item TR-184 to TR-195. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion Founder's Day, 1962 March

Item TR-231. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion Chapel - Its Uses, Present and Future, 1964 September

Item TR-272 to TR-273. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion Reactions to proposed curriculum. Interview, 1965 January

Item TR-769. Message of Israel radio speech, 1969 January

Item TR-1073. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion Symposium on Halakhah, 1974 December

Item TR-1172 to TR-1174. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion Symposium Whither Liberal Religion?, 1975 October

Item TR-1124 to TR-1126. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion Faculty centennial academic lecture, 1974 October-November

Item TR-1141. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion Symposium on prayer, 1976 April

Item C-66 to C-69. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion Colloquia on Passover and the Haggadah, 1979 March

Item C-348. Interview, 1980 October

Item C-447 to C-448. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion speech to students, undated

Item C-1522 to C-1528. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. An Episcopal-Jewish Colloquium, undated